



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

SAITO et al.

Art Unit: 1745

Application Number: 09/850,203

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For: FUEL CELL AND METHOD OF MAKING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Sir:

May 15, 2003

In response to the Office Action dated April 22, 2003, the Applicants hereby elect to have further prosecution in this application be directed at this time to Group I, as recited in claims 1-5, drawn to a fuel cell, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications.

Consequently, early examination and favorable action on claims 1-5 are respectfully requested.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing docket number 101213-00009.**

Respectfully submitted,

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